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SUBJ: MEETING OF KOREA-JAPAN PARLIAMENTARIANS UNION

1. ECONOMIC AND SECURITY TOPICS DOMINATED ONE-DAY MEETING BY KOREAN-JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARIANS UNION HELD IN SEOUL AUGUST 22. KOREAN SIDE, LED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG-PIL, VOICED FEARS OF JAPANESE POLITICAL CONTACTS WITH PYONGYANG IN WAKE OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA'S REPORTED STATEMENT TO DIET THAT SUCH CONTACTS MIGHT OCCUR IF OPPORTUNITY AROSE. (AUGUST 23 TONGA ILBO SAID THAT AFTER MEETING, SOME KOREAN LEGISLATORS CALLED REMARK "INCONCEIVABLE" IN VIEW OF JAPAN-KOREA TREATY, AND WONDERED IF IT HAS BEEN CAUSED BY PRESSURE FROM PEKING. DIET MEMBER WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT WHEN SONODA ALLEGEDLY MADE REMARK SAID FORMIN HAD BEEN MISQUOTED, ACCORDING TO PAPER.) BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT US SECURITY TREATIES WITH JAPAN, KOREA, AND TAIWAN ESSENTIAL TO SECURITY OF EAST ASIA, AND AGREED THAT US AND JAPAN SHOULD ORGANIZE JOINT LEGISLATORS CONFERENCE, WHICH KOREA WOULD JOIN LATER. THE INFLUENCE OF THE RECENTLY-SIGNED PFT BETWEEN JAPAN AND PRC WAS
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ALSO DISCUSSED DURING FIVE-HOUR PARLIAMENTARIANS MEETING.

2. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, JAPANESE AGREED TO NECESSITY OF CORRECTING TRADE IMBALANCE WITH KOREA, AND PROMISED TO SEND TRADE MISSION TO KOCNA TO PURCHASE GOODS IN NEAR FUTURE. JAPANESE DELEGATES ALSO SAID JAPAN HAD BEGUN PREPARATION FOR JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF CONTINENTAL SHELF,

TO BEGIN NEXT APRIL.

3. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE
THE TRIPARTITE LEGISLATIVE IDEA, BUT AS CAN BE SEEN
FROM ABOVE IT REFUSES TO DIE EASILY.
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